suggestion now given is quite easy to accept and will be done. Municipal Councils may hold necessary consultations with these officers and submit suitable resolutions to Government for acceptance in matters such as education and medical relief.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Abolition of Professional tax.

Messrs. Madappa, Settappa-Siddappa, Setwaji Rao and Dharma Prakasa D. Banumiah, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Madappa.—Professional tax is proposed to be levied on merchants in addition to income-tax. This is unjustifiable and the idea may be given up.

Second Member of Council.—This is not a subject to be brought up before this meeting. The Municipal Council is the proper place where such questions could be decided.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Appointment of a Commissioner for Municipalities.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

A Commissioner of Municipalities invested with full powers may be appointed for the State to bring into proper working order all the municipalities in the State.

Second Member of Council.—You ask for retrenchment and now you ask for a separate officer.

Chief Secretary to Government.—There is practically no difference between a Commissioner and the Government. By appointing a Commissioner, matters will be only delayed.

Second Member of Council.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Municipalities.

Messrs. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk; P. Muthiah and Dase Gouda, Channapatna Taluk; and C. Rasul Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. Karnic Krishnamurti Rao.—Deputy Commissioners may be appointed as Presidents and Amildars as Vice-Presidents of Taluk Municipalities as before. This is very necessary as the present state of affairs is not quite satisfactory.

Second Member of Council.—The object of the Local Self-Government scheme is to give as much independence as possible to the people. If the Deputy Commissioner is made the President of the Municipality, he will not find sufficient time to attend to all the meetings as there will be 7 or 8 taluks in a District. The Deputy Commissioner will be the President only in name.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—Sub-Division Officers may be Presidents of Town Municipalities. It is of no use whatever to appoint non-official Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The President of a Municipality should always be a non-official. We can have a paid Vice-President.

Mr. Karnic Krishnamurti Rao.—The Amildar should not be the President. Delegation of powers to the Vice-President may be carefully done.

Second Member of Council.—It is not possible to deviate from the existing practice. The Amildar should be the President of the Municipality, but all the powers possible will be delegated to the Vice-President.

Mr. Rasool Khan.—As the Local Self-Government Scheme is in force, the President for Chikmagalur may be elected as in the Bangalore City Municipal Council. If this is not possible, the Deputy Commissioner may be made the President.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Holding of a Local Self-Government Conference once in two years.

Mr. V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Municipality.

Mr. V. Rangaswamy Iyengar.—The Local Self-Government scheme is closely followed in the conduct of Local and Municipal Boards. A lot of difficulty is experienced in the working of the scheme. A Local Self-Government Conference may be held at least once in two years to remedy the defects noticed, solve the difficulties brought to light and systematise the working of the scheme.

Dewan.—The Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore should do this work.

Mr. Karnic Krishnamurti Rao.—Government should organise the Conference.

Mr. Krishna Sastry.—As in Madras, Government should arrange for the Conference.

Second Member of Council.—Let the Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore pass Resolutions and submit the same to Government with their recommendations and Government will give them all possible help.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Right of Government servants to vote at elections.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. Rasool Khan.—Though the member selected by the non-officials by a large majority becomes very popular, yet his election will fail if the votes of the officials too are taken into consideration. There should therefore be a rule that Government servants should not vote at any of the elections.

Second Member of Council.—Generally Government servants are *ex-officio* members of the Municipality.